



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 195th Edition - January 12, 2024



From the Rector

Last week I said I'd write about some practical advice about how communities can learn to pray in ways that are both practical and meaningful.

The most important thing to keep in mind—especially in an internet age when so much information is accessible—is confidentiality. We often don't think about that, especially since we live in such a close-knit community. But it's something we need to attend to. So the people we're asked to pray for need to know we're praying

for them. Better yet, they need to have asked for our prayers.

I suppose that might sound strange, but we need to remember that some of us are more naturally private than others and so we must be careful not to be intrusive in an unwelcoming way. And we also must be mindful and deliberate about prayer. I may have told the story before about a name that was on a prayer list in one of my former parishes. No one knew who the person was, yet the name remained on the list for months. That's something we want to avoid.

All of which means I hope we can develop a more timely and personal way of praying for each other as a community—and to do so in the context of public worship. Beginning on the first Sunday of Lent (February 18) we'll return to having the concerns of the community spoken aloud in the Prayers of the People on Sunday mornings. This also means that the list of names we see in each week's E-News will change, too.

On February 2, I am going to launch a dedicated email address where prayer requests can be sent. These requests will then be published in the E-News and given to the folks who lead the Prayers of the People on Sunday. In order to make sure the list stays up to date, all prayer requests will be kept on the list for two weeks unless they are renewed for another two week period.

Of course this will be something of a work in progress as together we discover the best way of making these needs and requests known. But I'm sure that as we work to be more deliberate about the people and things we intercede for, we'll re-discover the power and promise of prayer.



On Monday, I will be leaving for my annual January break in Nova Scotia and will be returning on the 24th. Sunday services on January 21 will be taken by the Rev'd Dr Susan MacLaren. There will be no Wednesday services on January 17 or 24.

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

Well, we know it is winter! For those who are away, we are sure they don't miss this kind of weather. For the rest, why would we not expect it?

January in NOTL presents lots of activities indoors and out. We are fortunate to have hockey, pickle ball, the museum, wine presentations, art gallery, and others, so lots to do and see.

Recent activity here at St. Mark's included the Men's Breakfast last Wednesday. We also applaud the great team effort on Monday in taking down the Christmas tree and all the decorations and putting them away for another year.

Preparations are ongoing for our annual Vestry on February 25th after the 10:30 service. If you have been requested to provide a report, please have it in the office by January 30th. Remember that to vote at Vestry you must be an active parishioner of St. Mark's. The finance committee is working on the year-end results as well as the 2024 budget to be presented at Vestry.

Welcome back to James Bourne. We have missed his presence. We say goodbye to interim organist Glen Deline with thanks. We were so fortunate to have him provide our music.

See you in church!

As always, a reminder to advise the office of anyone who requires assistance, including a phone call, food delivery or some companionship. Even a chat over the fence!

Called to Life-Compelled to Love

Allan Magnacca
Andrea Douglas

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

On Duty this Week

January 14, 2024 - Greeter(s) - Harriet Tunmer and Nancy Bongard

Reader - Steve Hinchliffe

Intercessor - Penny-Lynn Cookson

Altar Guild - Keith Bullen, Pat Kingdon and Mary Webster

Order of Service

The Order of Service can be found on our website: [Order of Service Web Site Page](#)

Church Bells

A reminder to all that the Church Bells play on Sundays at 12:05 pm. Enjoy!

Staying Up to Date!

Click on this link to find this and recent copies of our E-News: **[View our recent E-Newsletters](#)**

Click on this link to view our Calendar: **[Visit our Calendar](#)**

[Click here to access St. Mark's Anglican Church Facebook page](#) You can also access our Facebook page when on our website by clicking on the Facebook icon that looks like an "f".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for

Pancake Supper at St. Mark's on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13th 2024

Gary Burroughs has kindly offered to lead the event, and must assemble a team to ensure its success.

If you would like to **volunteer** please contact Gary at bookkeeperstmarks@gmail.com or call Erin in the office at 905-468-3123.



The St. Mark's Anglican Church 2023 Directory has arrived!

Please come to the office to pick up your copy.

(A reminder that the office is open Monday-Friday 9 am-2pm.)

ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Niagara-on-the-Lake



2023 Directory

**You are entitled to receive a directory if you had your photograph taken by
Universal Studios.**

We have only a few copies for purchase at \$20.00.

**The printed donation envelopes for 2024 have arrived.
Please come to the office for pick up.**

William Brown

**PERSPECTIVES: The Evolution of the Cosmos, Life, Humans, Culture and Religion and a
Look into the Future**

At St. Mark's, we know William Brown as Bill Brown. Bill will be presenting his book
'Perspectives'

[in Addison Hall on Tuesday January 23, 2024 at 2 p.m.](#)

'Perspectives' begins with discussion on the Evolution of the Cosmos followed by the Life of
millions of Species; Evolution of Humans; Culture; Religion and a look into the Future - it is a
journey through time.

With the creation of the universe to the beginnings of life, and our human origins, questions are
often asked, "are there alternate universes," and "are we humans working towards mass
extinction with our cultural and ethnic classes"?

**If you are curious about understand ourselves as human beings and would like to join us
and enjoy some fellowship, cookies and coffee, please contact**

[Dorothy Walker @905 262 6605 or email walkerdorothy2021@gmail.com](mailto:walkerdorothy2021@gmail.com)

MEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The next Men's communion Breakfast is scheduled for **Wednesday February 7, 2024** and the
first Wednesday of each month going forward.

Watch for details here.

Gary Burroughs' Kitchen

Delicious items for sale include

**Lasagna, Chicken-Vol-Au-Vent and Pea Soup, Stewed Tomatoes
and**

SOUPS ARE AVAILABLE - INQUIRE IN OFFICE



In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Judith Ravesi, Caroline Rigby, Dave Roberts, and George and Jane Robinson and their families.

We pray for the sick, especially remembering Margaret Stimson, Terry, Jan Brown, Lisa, Sharon, Dick, Bev Garrett, Jodey Porter, Sean, Joshua, Ben Buholtz, Maggie Hammerling, Gail and Murray Paton, and Janis Manning.

We pray for those shut in their homes, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Selina Appleby, Joan Draper, and Alexander Hood.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for The Right Reverend Susan Bell, Bishop and the Staff of Cathedral Place.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for Dr. Andrea Mann, Director, and the staff of Global Relations; Ryan Weston, Lead Animator, Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice; Executive Director, Will Postma, and staff of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, and Executive Director, Karin Achtelstetter, and staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief The Assistants to the Bishop and the staff of the Eastern Synod.

Did you know.....

...that William Claus was appointed Colonel of the 1st Lincoln Militia in June 1812? In July 1812, he was put in command of the militia at Fort George and Queenston. In May 1813, Claus commanded the militia at Fort George, fighting against the American invasion of May 27th. He is thought to have been the last officer to leave before the invaders marched in. He married Catherine Jordan on February 25 1791. The family were members of St. Mark's Anglican Church. They had at least 2 sons and 5 daughters. They lived in the Claus family home, named The Wilderness, which was purchased by the Six Nations and given to Ann Claus, William Claus's mother, as a mark of respect for the longstanding connections between the communities on the Grand River and the Johnson and Claus families. It was destroyed by American troops in December 1813 as part of the burning of Newark during the U.S. retreat from the Niagara Peninsula. It was rebuilt in 1816-1817. The home can still

be seen in Niagara-on-the-Lake today.

William Claus was appointed head of the Indian Department in Upper Canada following the death of John Butler in 1796. Three years later, in 1799, the death of Alexander McKee led to Claus's promotion to Deputy Superintendent General, the second highest position in the administration of Indian Affairs in the Canadas. He remained Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs until his death in 1826 at the age of 61. He is buried in vault in Butler's Burial Ground.

Catherine Jordan died in 1840, at the age of 73 and was Catherine was interred beside her husband at Butler's Burial Ground.



Catherine Jordan



The Claus family home "The Wilderness"





The plaque in **St. Mark's Cemetery** reads:

Claus

Erected to the Memory of the Honourable Colonel William Claus, Loyalist, Soldier, Member of the Legislative and Executive Council of Upper Canada, Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs.

Bible Study via Zoom

We are sending Zoom invites via Constant Contact to those who regularly join the Bible Study group. If you would like to attend Bible Study via Zoom, please contact the Rector to have your name added to the distribution. rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com

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